

Sundsvik, Sweden, Dec. 8, 1947

BORIS HAGELIN

Dear Bill:

Returning to your letter of Nov. 18, and my answer to same of Nov. 24, I only want to confirm that Mr. Qvarnström sent you a couple of pamphlets re the C-36 machine last week. I have now also picked out a few pamphlets for you, which I am going to mail to you one of these days. In this connection: didn't you get some papers from me about a year ago, patents and also descriptions? There is no hurry to get them back, but if there is any material which you would like to keep, please give me a specification. I have no record of what I sent you.

Perhaps you could give me your full official address (I did have it, but have mislaid it), so that I might use it at some special occasion. I am going to pay Arts successor, Major Walsh, a visit one of these days, so that the contact there shall not be lost.

Perhaps you have heard that Ingrid and Art are going to remain in California, - he has got an assignment at Fairview Airfield not so far from San Francisco. I understand that they are happy to be able to stay so close to Arts home, and of course, the climate is so very much better there. But on the other hand, we would have felt as if they would have been closer to us, if they had lived in Washington, and we would have known that they would have had good and true friends and neighbors in the Friedman family.

There is not very much news to tell now - you get most of them through the papers, and those news are none too cheerful. I can only marvel at the patience, that Marshall must show during those interminable squabbles with Molotov.

Well here is some news: while the big four now meet in London, there will be another historical meeting in Geneva beginning of January. The Western democracies will be represented by the Hedden family, of New Milford Conn, while the Northern countries in the shade of the iron curtain will as their more or less surreptitious representatives send the Hagelin family, of Sundsvik. Provided of course, that a sufficient amount of Swiss Francs will be accorded them by the Swedish Currency control office!

I am as always rather busy, on one hand bricks and on the other my several new ciphering problems. I still wish that I could get a job, where I could just busy myself with solving mechanical problems, preferably in the domain, that I have been disturbing for nearly 25 years. And then not to have to think too much about profits, and the efforts which have to be expended in order to realize the profits.

We have an unpleasant time now, wet and grey and dark. We wait for the snow and for longer days, which should come in January - on our return from Switzerland we should find everything much brighter and more cheerful.

We do hope that all is well with you and Elizabeth and the children. We send you our love and best wishes, and hope to hear from you some time again.

Sincerely,

